



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shuichi TAKEUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2873

Appl No : 09/973,114

Examiner: D. RAIZEN

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For : OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL HEAD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated September 23, 2003, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks.